Section 29 of the Act, violation of directions of TRAI is punishable with fine which may extend to 1 lakh ruppees and in case of second or subsequent offence with fine which may extend to 2 lakh rupees and in the case of continuing contravention with additional fine which may extend to 2 lakh rupees for everyday during which the default continues. Further under Section 34 a Court not inferior to that of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate or a Chief Judicial Magistrate of first class shall try any offence punishable under the Act on a complaint made by the Authority.

Demand of BSNL employees

3732. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the demands placed by the employees of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) how much loss the BSNL has incurred during recent agitation and strike programme of the employees;

(c) whether Government are going to concede to their demands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) (i) Implementation of non-post based time-bound promotion from (a) 9850-250-14600 to Rs. 11875-300-17275 - 4 years (b) Rs. 11875-300-17275 to Rs. 14500-350-18700 - 6 years. However, such officers in the scale of Rs. 11875-300-16750 who retire on completion of four years of service but prior to completion of six years of service or immediately on completion of six years of service may be given scale of Rs. 13000-350-18250 on case to case basis in order to benefit them on retirement. (c) Rs. 14500-350-18700 to Rs. 16000-400-20800 - 5 years. (d) Rs. 16000-400-20800 to Selection Grade (SG)/Junior Administrative Grade (JAG) - 5 years. All these promotions shall be made on fitness conditions.

(ii) Service Weightage - To provide 100% weightage of service rendered in Deptt. of Telecom (DOT)/Deptt. of Telecom Services (DTS)/ Deptt. of Telecom Operation (DTO) including adhoc/in-situ/Assured Career Progression (ACP)/lateral grade;

(iii) Date of effect of promotion shall be from 1.10.2000 onwards and shall be given on completion of specified eligibility period including the weightage of service;

(iv) No parallel post-based promotion;

(v) No recruitment of Management Trainees;

(vi) Date of effect of implementation of revised Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) pay scale for Junior Telecom Officers (JTOs)/ Sub-Divisional Engineers (SDEs) of Civil/Electrical/Architecture/ Telecom Factories (TFs) and Assistants, Section Officers (SOs) of Central Secretariat Services (CSSs) and Junior Accounts Officers (JAOs) etc. including the proposed revised pay scale of Official Language Officers shall be 1.10.2000; and

(vii) One time placement in the next higher grade for JTOs/SDEs Telecom;

(b) Although in few parts of the country the services were partially disrupted, there was not much loss to BSNL since alternate routes/ arrangements were available.

(c) and (d) The agitating employees have unconditionally called off their agitation on 23.3.2005. To resolve their issues, a High Level Committee has been constituted by BSNL.

Broadband service in Karnataka

3733. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the cities in Karnataka so far covered under BSNL broadband service, dataone;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend it to all taluka offices in Karnataka;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government and BSNL have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for introducing broadband services in the State; and

(d) if so, action taken if any, to implement the above MoU in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir,